

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

The paragraph beginning on page 2, line 30 has been amended as follows:

Preferably the hose locating mechanism comprises a central mount, two ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanisms and a quick release hose mount.

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 1 has been amended as follows:

More preferably the ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism contained on the locating mechanism comprises a handle assembly, a connection means and a stab pin.

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 5 has been amended as follows:

Preferably the ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism contained on the locating mechanism moves between an unlocked position when the handle assembly is in a plane parallel to the stab pin, and a locked position when the handle assembly is rotated through 90 degrees to lie in a plane perpendicular to the stab pin.

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 12 has been amended as follows:

Preferably the first ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism contained on the locating mechanism provides a means for rotating the hose coupling about an axis in the horizontal plane.

The paragraph beginning on page 3, line 16 has been amended as follows:

Preferably the second ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism contained on the locating mechanism provides a means for rotating the hose coupling about an axis in the vertical plane.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 1 has been amended as follows:

More preferably the attachment means is by way of an ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 12 has been amended as follows:

Figure 2 illustrates a component of the universal hose clamp, namely a universal hose locating mechanism, with two ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanisms shown in a locked position.

The paragraph beginning on page 4, line 22 has been amended as follows:

Figure 5 illustrates the universal hose clamp of Figure 1, with one of the universal ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanisms for controlling the hose clamp rotation about the vertical axis in the unlocked position; and

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 10 has been amended as follows:

Figure 2 illustrates further detail of the universal hose locating mechanism 2 in the absence of the base claming mechanism 3 and the hose coupling 4. The hose locating mechanism 2 comprises a central mount 8, two ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanisms 9 and 10 and a quick release hose mount 11.

The paragraph beginning on page 5, line 17 has been amended as follows:

The two ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanisms 9 and 10 further comprise a handle assembly 12, a connection means 13 and a stab pin 14 or 15. The connection means 13 provides the activation mechanism for moving the ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanisms 9 and 10 between their unlocked and locked positions. In Figure 2 both locking mechanisms 9 and 10 are in their locked positions. When unlocked the first ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism 9 allows rotation of the hose mount 11, and hence the hose coupling 4, about a horizontal axis while the second ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism 10, when unlocked, allows rotation about a vertical axis. It should be noted at this point that these two mechanisms lock independently of each other such that one may be in the locked position while the other is in the unlocked position. The stab pins 14 and 15 provide male members for the ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanisms 9 and 10, respectively.

The paragraph beginning on page 6, line 2 has been amended as follows:

Figures 3 and 4 present further detail of the universal base clamping mechanism 3 in the absence of the hose locating mechanism 2. The base clamping mechanism 3 comprises a central frame 16, a rail clamp 17 and a female 18 for the ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism 10. The rail clamp 17 further comprises a swing over lock 19, a rail clamp tightening assembly 20, and two threaded locating rails 21.

The paragraph beginning on page 7, line 4 has been amended as follows:

The second stage is to attach the hose locating mechanism 2 to the base clamping mechanism 3 via the vertical ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism 10 as described above. Thereafter the hose (not shown) is inserted within the cylindrical hose gripping aid 5 which is then tightened in the cylindrical mounting band 6 that is attached to the quick release hose mount 11. The tightening of the cylindrical hose gripping aid 5 in the cylindrical mounting band 6 is achieved via the screw thread mechanism 7. With the horizontal ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism 9 in the unlocked position the hose coupling 4 is mounted on the horizontal stab pin 14.

The paragraph beginning on page 7, line 17 has been amended as follows:

At this stage the hose is secured within the hose clamp 1 and can be deployed at full pressure by just one person. This has the obvious advantage of releasing manpower to carry out other important duties. By simply unlocking either of ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth

locking mechanisms, 9 and 10, the hose can be rotated to provide universal cover over 4π steradians.

The paragraph beginning on page 7, line 25 has been amended as follows:

Mobility for the hose coupling 4 may be enhanced by its incorporation with a tripod system 23, as illustrated in Figure 6. This tripod 23 comprises a female member 24 for use in an ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism 10, adjustable legs 25 and a cross brace 26 to provide additional strength. It should be noted that the aforementioned female 24 is of a similar design to the female member 18 used in the previously described embodiment. Therefore, there is no requirement for the modification of the hose locating mechanism 2. With this embodiment the tripod is assembled at the required location. The hose (not shown) is then mounted in the hose locating mechanism 2 as previously described. The vertical stab pin 15 is then inserted in the female of the tripod 18 and locked as required by the vertical ~~Azimuth~~ azimuth locking mechanism 10.